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Dear Paul:

There is attached a USIB-approved statement, based upon a careful analysis of national intelligence targets, of the requirement for high-resolution satellite photographic coverage of the Soviet Bloc and Communist China.

You will recall that in late December the Budget Bureau proposed an ad hoc committee, with representatives of the Secretary of Defense, the Bureau of the Budget and the Director of Central Intelligence, be formed to examine intelligence requirements and develop recommendations for photographic satellite launch schedules. Ruf Taylor expressed our objections to you at that time and instead proposed that the existing USIB machinery handle the task in collaboration with NRO.

The result of their work provides a firm and realistic basis for AI Flax to lay out the launch schedules for the KH-4 

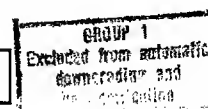
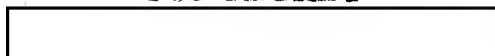


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As a result of this work, I am confident we will be able to achieve economies and at the same time meet priority national intelligence needs.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Director

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Attachment:

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Memorandum for Holders

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Deputy Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

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